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A Message to You From a Miner's Widow

By Ruby Cooper

CENTRALIA, Ill., April 3. — "He always wanted to see the ocean," she said sadly.

Bertha Schmidt was telling about her husband, Jacob, the beloved president of Local 52, United Mine Workers, who perished in No. 5 mine along with 110 of his buddies.

"His life's ambition was to see the ocean. That's why we were planning to make a trip to California next month," she explained.

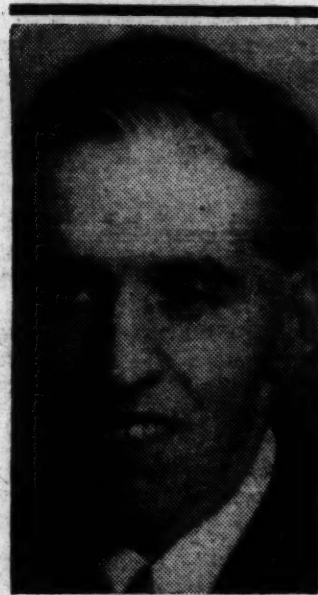
We were seated in the front room of the modest but spick-and-span Schmidt home. There were Mrs. Schmidt, "the three swellest kids in the world"—son Howard, daughter Helen and her husband—and the Daily Worker reporter.

The window blinds were drawn. We sat talking quietly in the semi-darkness. It was the day after the body of Jacob Schmidt had been lowered into the ground for the last time.

I had come to the house seeking a picture of Jacob Schmidt, without desiring to intrude on the privacy of this bereaved household whose head had been sacrificed on the altar of greed by a coal company and its political hirelings.

But when they learned I was from the Daily Worker they invited me to visit with them a bit.

"We depend on newspapers like yours to help protect the miners," said 25-year-old son Howard, himself a victim of in-



JACOB SCHMIDT

fantile paralysis since boyhood.

"God knows they need protection.

"I remember dad used to read the Daily Worker whenever he could get hold of a copy," Howard recalled. "Many times some of the other miners would bring him a copy and he always liked to read it."

Mrs. Schmidt said: "I don't think they could ever find a local union president who worked any harder than Jake did.

"He once resigned but the men put him right back in again. They just wouldn't let him resign."

"And now the union is all gone. There's nothing left," she said heartbreakingly.

"He started when he was a boy of 16—at the No. 1 mine in Centralia," Mrs. Schmidt told us. "And he's worked in mines for 40 years. When we were married

on May 17, 1913, he was already working at No. 5 mine."

Had he ever spoken of the dangerous conditions at the mine?

"Jacob was not one for much talking. He never told us much because he didn't want us to worry. But we used to hear the men talking among themselves. Dad knew it was dangerous, very dangerous.

"He's worked so hard, and Scanlan worked right along with him, to try to change things at the mine."

Driscoll Scanlan is the state mine inspector who submitted report after report since 1945 describing the perilous conditions in the mine and who pleaded with the state mines bureau chief Robert Medill "with tears in his eyes" to shut down the No. 5 death mine.

"Maybe it takes a disaster like this to bring about protection for the other men," Howard offered.

Bitterly Mrs. Schmidt recalled how the government broke the recent miners' strike.

"The union wasn't asking for more money then. They were asking for working conditions, for conditions which would prevent such a disaster as this one."

She sighed deeply: "If only people knew how bad things are down in those coal mines."

Only once did the tears she was suppressing fall from her eyes. (Continued on Back Page)

WORLD EVENTS

Production Reparations Gain in Big 4.

MOSCOW, April 3.—Secretary of State George C. Marshall today suggested that Washington may not renege entirely on the Yalta agreement, which provided for reparations from current German production.

Marshall made a proposal for discussion by deputies at a meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers. It provided that Russia might get reparations from current production if the Potsdam agreement on transferring German plants as reparations were revised.

The Marshall plan was not discussed at the meeting, which was

devoted to a coordinating committee's report on some German problems. When a Russian-French demand was discussed that Germany be required to adopt the proportional election system, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said: "I am not going to use external power to impose an election system on Germany?"

To which Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov replied:

"GREEK DEMOCRACY"

"When Mr. Bevin has talked about his kind of democracy he often has defended dictators and the kind of 'democracy' one has in Greece."

"But Greece has the proportional representation system in its parliamentary elections," Bevin said.

"That shows what can happen to a good system when it gets into untrustworthy hands," Molotov answered.

There was laughter among the delegates.

Marshall surrounded his reparations proposal with many conditions. He said any plan to use a part of German industrial production for reparations must not interfere with the repayment of advances made to the Germans by the United States and Great Britain.

Further, Marshall said, his plan would not become operative, if approved, until German political unity "as well as the other related objectives" have been obtained.

"We must recognize," the memorandum said, "that a further increase in the level of industry will reduce the number of plants available for removal for reparations."

Sorry, Not Today

LAKE SUCCESS, L. I., April 3 (UP).—Andrei Gromyko, the taciturn Deputy Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, walked into the delegate's lounge in advance of today's United Nations Security Council meeting and leafed through a newspaper.

"Who knows?" he commented, "maybe today we shall find out what happened to Langley Collyer."

THE AMERICA THE WORLD WANTS TO HEAR

By Joseph Starobin

A very interesting thing is happening to Henry Wallace. The big press is trying to smother his voice, to keep Americans from hearing it. But the outside world is straining every ear to hear—Wallace.

Our big newspapers boycott the former Vice-President. They try to make believe he doesn't exist. They debate all his arguments against the Truman doctrine, but you would hardly know that those are his arguments which they debate. The outside world understands exactly what the big press doesn't want our people to understand.

This is why the French Republic has taken the unusual step of inviting Wallace to stop in on France, after his visit, which begins next week, to England. The

atmosphere is full of noise about the terrors of communism and we are told that the world applauds Truman's anti-communism.

But in France, the Socialists and Catholic Republicans and Communists and Socialist trade union leaders joined to welcome Wallace. It seems the real world is quite different from the nasty pictures that Truman draws on the blackboard to frighten our Congress.

Let Franco praise Truman. Let Yoshida in Japan hail Vandenberg. Let the German Nazis embrace Herbert Hoover, a man of their own kind. The real people of Britain and France—our western allies—are interested in Wallace.

The more clearly he distinguishes himself from the administration, the more the world is interested in him. The world

wants to know his plans, to size him up, to rediscover the Roosevelt America through him, the America they counted on. The world knows that America is bigger than Truman, Vandenberg and Hoover.

The former Vice-President will have a great trip, greater than he may sense today. He will find that while America is making enemies of the whole world, the whole world really wants to make friends of America—the real America that works for its hard living, that wants a long peace, that wants America to serve and not rule the world.

It may very well be that traveling abroad, Mr. Wallace will find a sure road for himself at home. It may very well be that more Americans will hear Wallace from abroad than are able to hear him at home. The big press, it may turn out, will outsmart itself.

Greek-Turkey Scheme Gets Unanimous OK in Senate Body

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today gave unanimous approval to the Greek-Turkish bill, after rejecting the Pepper amendment which would have limited the program to non-military aid to Greece through the United Na-

tions. By the same vote, 13 to 0, the committee defeated three amendments by Sen. Johnson (D-Colo.), one of which would have required Greece to dethrone its king.

The formal report of the committee, it was announced, will be ready Monday when the Senate is expected to begin debate on the measure.

The final text of the bill differs only in form from the draft originally given the committee by the State Department. The most important change, designed to lessen the widespread complaint that the U. S. is by-passing the UN is the Vandenberg amendment.

It provides that the President shall withdraw aid under any of the following circumstances:

IF REQUESTED

"1. If requested by the governments of Greece and Turkey respectively, representing a majority of the people of either nation:

"2. If the President is officially notified by the United Nations that the Security Council finds (with respect to which findings the U. S. waives the exercise of the veto) or that the General Assembly finds that action taken or assistance furnished by the United Nations makes the continuance of such assistance unnecessary or undesirable:

"3. If the President finds that any purpose of the Act have been substantially accomplished by the action of any other inter-governmental organizations or finds that the purposes . . . are incapable of satisfactory accomplishment."

HOUSE HEARINGS

Sen. Pepper (D-Fla.) commented that he "welcomed" the Vandenberg

amendments. He favors United Nations action, he said, and any step in that direction has his support.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee today heard four witnesses representing church and peace organizations in opposition to the bill. It will continue hearings next week with Martin Popper of the National Lawyers Guild heading the list on Tuesday.

Samuel Guy Inman, guest professor at Ohio Wesleyan University, predicted the Truman doctrine will make enemies for the U. S. "Everybody who travels outside the U. S. today knows that people everywhere talk of fear of American dominance," he said.

BACKS PEPPER PLAN

Rev. Alton J. Smith, of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, urged the committee to substitute the Pepper-Taylor-Blatnik resolution for the State Department bill, and thereby refer the matter of Greek aid to the UN. He asked this "in the interest of a peaceful Christ-like world."

Rep. Chipfield (R-Ill.) interrupted: "The Union Jack of Britain is coming down in Athens. Which flag do you want to go up in its place, the Stars and Stripes or the Hammer and Sickle?"

"I prefer to see the blue and white flag of Greece go up," the young minister retorted.

Henry J. Cadbury, chairman of the American Friends Service Committee, said the committee bill contains very limited provisions for relief and "is intended to serve a military and political purpose."

Frederick J. Libby of the National

Council for Prevention of War charged Vandenberg and chairman Eaton (R-NJ) of the House committee with enabling "the Democratic Party to share with the Republicans the curse of taking our country into another war."

He withdrew the charge after the committee voted to delete it from the record and one member voted to prohibit him from continuing unless he "voluntarily" agreed to the expurgation.



SELDON CHAPIN'S nomination as U. S. ambassador to Hungary has been sent to the Senate by President Truman. He is now serving as director general of the State Department's Foreign Service Division.

U. S. Zone Nazis Come Out of Holes

The Nazis are back! They're back in power in the U. S. military occupation zone. They're boasting of the support they're getting from the U. S. delegation at Moscow.

They're quoting Herbert Hoover's speech to the Germans in Stuttgart, inviting them to join a new crusade against "communism."

They are indulging in open Jew-baiting and Hitler propaganda.

If this sounds sensational and alarming here is the proof. The N. Y. Times yesterday printed a speech by the Bavarian Minister of Agriculture, Joseph Baum-

gartner, at a Munich meeting on March 4.

WOULD SABOTAGE

First, the minister who calls himself a Christian Democrat, said he would sabotage the Allied food plan:

"I am absolutely opposed to the export of additional valuable food into other laender (states) of the American zone or into the British zone."

Then the German minister who rules by grace of American occupation authorities gives away the hope of the Nazis:

"Everything depends now on the decision of the Moscow peace conference . . . there is

hope for us that the Americans and the British will remain sufficiently tough. The Americans, not to mention, are not interested in seeing the development of a Communist Germany."

"Nobody has expressed this more clearly than former President Hoover during his recent visit in Germany. The end of his speech before us Ministers in the Laenderrat in Stuttgart—which, of course, could not appear in the press—was:

"We are fighting for the new man, for European civilization against Asiatics."

"And Hoover is not just anybody; he meets Truman most

every day; thus we can safely state that Hoover's views are identical with those of the policy-making Americans."

"But almost the greatest difficulty is the fact—I hope we are among ourselves—that today almost third and fourth rate Americans are here in Germany."

SLANDERS JEWS

Ah, how the Nazis sighs for first rate Americans like Hoover and Truman.

And then the American-sponsored Nazi blurt out some simon-pure Hitlerism about the Jews:

"Gentlemen, to my great regret I had to attend the Jewish Congress at Bad Reichenhall; the

only pleasant thing during this congress was the unanimous resolution to leave Germany."

This is happening less than two years after we defeated the Nazis!

This is happening after 300,000 Americans died to rid the world of fascism!

And on its editorial page the Times rants about Russian obstructionism.

On page one, the Times reports that the British and Americans at Moscow turned down a proposal that anti-Nazi organizations be given a voice in a provisional German government.

Oh no, not anti-Nazis. But fine people like Herr Baumgartner!

LABOR and the NATION

Truman Again Admits No 'Red Menace'

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 3.—President Truman, speaking with reporters today, again discounted Communism as a threat to this government. Asked by the Daily Worker to comment on his letter to George H. Earle, released in Philadelphia yesterday by the former minister to Bulgaria, the President repeated he was not worried about Communists taking control here. The people have too much sense, he said. He is worried, he added, about persons em-

ployed by this government but loyal to another government.

Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach has not changed his mind about the desirability of outlawing the Communist Party, he told a news conference. In response to a question, he admitted he was still receiving a large volume of mail on the subject. "It is running against me," he said.

[President Truman had written a letter to

ex-Governor Earle of Pennsylvania on Feb. 28 referring to what he called the "Communist bugaboo."

President Truman's reference to "foreign loyalty" is intended to refer to Communists, no doubt, but is based on an inaccurate description of the American Communists' viewpoint. In practice, the President's phrase permits the purging of all liberals, New Dealers and any who oppose the present foreign policy.]

CALL TRUMAN DOCTRINE
THREAT TO NEGRO PEOPLE

The civil liberties of the Negro people are gravely threatened by the Truman Plan for worldwide intervention and by the "anti-Communist" witch-hunt accompanying the plan.

Negro Communist Party leaders made this warning yesterday in a statement calling upon Negroes to take an active part in the fight to restore democratic sanity to American public affairs.

"Our freedom to think and act on issues affecting the welfare of our people has been jeopardized by President Truman's proposal to Congress for the so-called 'loans' to Greece and Turkey, the statement said. Supporting this charge was the reminder that the witch-hunt was part of the scheme to put the loans across. "Unless checked now, these imperialist expansion policies abroad will be the smokescreen to destroy democracy at home and to usher in a Fascist regime."

The loan proposals were made on March 12, the statement noted. The "anti-Communist" follow-up was not delayed long:

"The President's 'loyalty-screen-

ing' Executive Order issued ten days later, on March 22, is another part of the same trend. It can only result in a witch-hunt among present and future federal employees. Any Negro or white person who fights against Jim-crow status quo can be ruled 'subversive' and legally barred from employment.

"The sworn upholders of the Constitution could by-pass its safeguards on the excuse that they were acting on executive order. The Negro people would be the first and worst sufferers."

The statement was signed by:

Benjamin J. Davis, Henry Winston, Claudia Jones, Abner W. Berry, William L. Patterson, Rose Gauden, Doxey Wilkerson, Josh Lawrence, Pettis Perry, James E. Jackson, Ray Hansbrough, James W. Ford, Claude Lightfoot, Charles Loman, Audley Moore, Robert Campbell, Theodore Bassett, Charles Evans, Howard Johnson, Bonita Williams, Anthony Morton, William Taylor, Ben Careathers, Tom Nabried, Abe Lewis, Christopher C. Alston, Gerald Boyd and Herbert Wheelidin.

Earlier Centralia
Explosions Bared

By Walter Lowenfels

CENTRALIA, Ill., April 3.—Three previous coaldust explosions had caused loss of lives in the fatal Centralia mine. This fact was brought out today as a U.S. Senate subcommittee opened hearings here on the March 25 explosion that killed 111 miners.

Harry Niermann, Centralia mine superintendent, told the committee that two coal dust explosions occurred between the time the mine was opened in 1907 and the time he started to work in the mine in 1917. Several men were killed in the first explosion and one man in the second. The third coal dust explosion, he said, killed three men in 1920 or 1921.

Most witnesses here have agreed the latest explosion resulted from a still unexplained ignition of coal dust. This highly combustible dust was present in the mine in large quantities, according to reports entered into the committee record from federal and state inspections, as late as March 22, and also, from complaints of the mine union safety committee, as late as Feb. 24.

IGNORED DANGER

Recommendations to remove the coal dust and sprinkle the mine with water and rock dust were not followed by the mine company top officials, according to today's testimony.

The Senate hearings are being held in the court room of the modern local city hall. A quiet, modest-sized audience of miners, including many survivors, is in attendance. Senator Guy Cordon (R-Ore) is chairman of this subcommittee of the Senate Public Lands Committee. Other members are Senator Joseph

C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo), and Sen. Henry Dworshak (R-Ida), who is due here tomorrow.

Besides Niermann, witnesses today included federal mine inspector Frank Perz, and the only living member of the Local 52 Mine Safety Committee. Stephen Maloney, a white haired man in his 60's, owes his life to the fact that he was out of the mine when the coal dust exploded. He told in a barely audible voice how his safety committee "had found coal dust everywhere" and other safety violations. He identified a report dated Feb. 24,

a complaining of the unsafe conditions. The report was signed by himself, and two other men who are dead:

Other highlights of today's testimony: The mine was rated gassy by federal rules, non-gassy by state rule. Open carbide lamps were used instead of electric lamps. There were no oxygen helmets at the mine. Rescue workers had to wait until they were brought from elsewhere.

There had been no rock-dusting of the mine to avoid the hazard of a coal-dust explosion since July 4,

1946, and no record of any rock-dusting had been kept before that. Perz testified "rock-dusting should be a daily job."

In unsworn testimony before a fact-finding commission last night, William P. Young, operating head of the Bell & Zoller mine interests who control the mine, said there was no question of refusing to rock dust and take other safety precautions, only a question of labor and material.

However, Perz today disclosed

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Probers Visit Disaster Mine;

The committee appointed by Illinois Gov. Green to investigate the mine disaster which took 111 lives in Centralia, Ill., is shown about to descend to the scene of the tragedy. Committee includes representatives of the company, mine union, state and federal mine inspectors.



2nd Bartenders Aid Shot in Chicago

CHICAGO, April 3.—Dennis Kelly, business agent of the Joliet AFL Bartenders local, was shot from a speeding car last night.

Kelly, 34, was struck in the left lung by a .45 caliber bullet. He and a friend were attacked as Kelly's car swung off the highway on the way to Lockport, Ill. The friend was not harmed.

On March 18, James D. Crowley, president of the Chicago Bartenders, and his wife were shot from ambush when their car stopped in front of their home. Crowley's wife was killed; he is recuperating from wounds. Crowley has the support of progressive forces of the union for the

vice-presidency of the Midwest district, a post now held by James E. Blakely. The latter was questioned by police after the March 18 shooting.

Kelly, according to police, has been meeting with locals in the Joliet area lining up support for Crowley's candidacy. He said he knew of no possible reason for the shooting.

Crowley told Chicago newsmen shortly after he was shot:

"I can't think of any reason for shooting me except that I was trying to clean up the international union."

Expressing grief that it was his wife rather than he that met death, he added:

"This shot-up arm isn't changing my mind."

This presumably meant that Crowley intends to be present at Milwaukee where the convention of the union opens tomorrow.

Crowley's local, largest bartenders union in the country, was once in the hands of Capone syndicate mobsters, who used it for lucrative shakedown, of liquor and nightclub interests. After a wartime lull, gangdom's interest has recently been revived in the union.

This, in turn, is closely linked to the union-wide fight for control of the convention, with the gangster element playing the red-baiting technique to bolster its fortunes.

what he should have done ever since the Safety Code became effective," Lewis told a House Labor Subcommittee on Welfare. "He's starting to enforce his own code after 111 men died at Centralia."

Lewis attacked Krug bitterly at the hearing, accusing him of causing the 111 deaths by criminal negligence.

"I say J. A. Krug, by inaction, has permitted them to die," the miners' leader declared.

BLAMES INJUNCTION

Lewis also blamed the Centralia tragedy on the "yellow dog injunction" forbidding miners to stop work. Although the union safety committee has authority to keep men out of dangerous mines, the combination of the injunction, upheld by the Supreme Court, and the Smith-Connally Act have operated to keep the miners at work regardless of conditions, Lewis said.

There were no accidents or deaths during last fall's coal strike, he pointed out, and there will be none until the mines open again next Monday.

"If Krug is really in earnest about enforcement of the Safety Code, we could assist him in finding other unsafe mines," Lewis declared. "He's a friend of the coal operators—a scheming, designing politician."

40,000 JOBLESS

Krug's shutdown order today affected government-operated mines only. He ordered new investigations in the remaining 2,013 pits under federal control. Some 40,000 men, employed at the 518 mines, will be jobless until the collieries are made safe.

Union committees will participate in the determinations, the order said, and the union was invited to submit names of other unsafe mines which require closing.

Lewis also cited statistics for the last five years to show how dangerous coal mining is for the workers. He made three recommendations to Congress:

1. Authorize the Treasury Department to place the \$710,000 fine—paid by himself and the union for flouting last fall's injunction—in a trust fund for the widows and children of the 111 men killed at Centralia and the 24 who died at the Straight Creek Mine of Kentucky in December, 1945.

MANDATORY CLOSINGS

2. Enact legislation making it mandatory for federal mine inspectors to close mines violating the Safety Code.

3. Pass a joint resolution asking the President to remove Krug from his office "for cause."

Although Lewis opposed con-

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A LOW-WAGE WORM IN THE 'FATAL APPLE'

Strollers along swanky upper Fifth Ave. yesterday noon discovered what really goes into the making of such glamorously advertised Revlon cosmetics as Fatal Apple, Kiss and Bachelor's Carnation.

The story was told by the company's 400 workers who, together with 3,000 fellow unionists in CIO Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65, staged a half-hour demonstration before Revlon's main office, 745 Fifth Ave.

Attractive Revlon women workers, stationed at street corners, passed out white cards with their lip prints

in the style of Revlon's ads. The cards told eager takers that the company advertised the wonders of its products but concealed its wages.

'KISS OF DEATH'

Men workers carried placards dealing with Bachelor's Carnation, a cosmetic reportedly used by some men. The marchers explained "Of course we are bachelors. We can't get married on \$34 a week."

Ribbing Revlon's Kiss lipstick, other workers pointed out that "Revlon's wage policy is the Kiss of death." As for Fatal Apple lipstick

and nail polish, large signs reminded the public that "Fatal Apples will bring back Hoover apples."

The demonstration sought to hasten a settlement and avert a walkout scheduled for Monday, 8 a. m. The union is demanding a \$36 weekly minimum for women and \$47 for men.

At present Revlon pays an average of \$28.20 for women and \$34.50 for men, one of the lowest scales in the cosmetics industry. Negotiations had been underway for two months before the workers took their strike vote.

NMUers Vote Tomorrow On Charges Against Stack

Charges by President Joseph Curran against Vice-President Joseph Stack of the CIO National Maritime Union (NMU) will be voted on by secret ballot at a membership meeting tomorrow. The meeting will be at St. Nicholas Arena, 66th St. near Broadway, at 11 a. m.

Communist Vets Dust Off Soldier Suits for May Day

YES, the Communist veterans will march again on May Day! Says the New York State Veterans Commission of the Communist Party:

"The attacks on our patriotism can best be answered by insuring a full turnout of our Party vets in full uniform with all the decorations and fruit salad. This will give dramatic evidence to the people of our continued service in the fight against fascism."

So once again Eighth Avenue will resound to the measured tread of block on block of veterans of the great war marching proudly under the banner of the Communist Party.

Two thousand in uniform is the goal of the Vet Commission, which asks the boys and girls to get out the old soldier suit and clean it up for the big day.

Oh, yes. Kilroy will be there!



One in 10 Million: Caesarean triplets—a boy and two girls—born to Mrs. Ingards Jimenez, 30, in Los Angeles are shown with nurse and doctors after delivery. Multiple Caesarean births occur rarely, approximately once in every 10 million.

Report New Painless Injection

By PAUL F. ELLIS, United Press Science writer

A newly-developed instrument that promises to do away with injections by needle—including those of insulin for diabetes—was demonstrated on me yesterday.

I can testify that this new instrument is painless. No puncture of the skin is made. The solution, whether insulin, penicillin or mercury, is shot right through the skin.

Prof. Frank H. J. Figg of the University of Maryland Medical School, Baltimore, used a small injection of adrenalin on me. He said he had been given the task of evaluating the instrument, and that he found it to be practical.

In Memoriam

ARTHUR HERSH—Comrade and antifascist. Missing in action April 11, 1938, Gandesa, Spain.

The instrument, so new that it has not yet been given an official name, was developed by Robert P. Scherer, a Detroit engineer. It weighs about two pounds and is a metal cylinder about the size of a flashlight.

It has a powerful spring inside, and on one end of ampule, or metal capsule about the size of a .22 caliber cartridge, is placed. This capsule can be filled with the solution or drug desired and dosage measured.

In demonstrating the instrument, Dr. Figg first wiped a section of my arm with alcohol. Then he pressed the sterilized end of the capsule to the arm. He pressed a button, and within a fraction of a second the adrenalin was through the skin. No pain.

Dr. Figg explained that the capsule contains an opening, 300th of an inch in diameter, and that the solution was shot through this

Voting will be conducted by the Honest Ballot Association under the supervision of tellers elected at the meeting by the union members.

Paul Palazzi, port agent, said the meeting will hear the report of the majority of the trial committee, which cleared Stack of charges of misconduct, misfeasance and malfeasance, followed by the minority report, which held him guilty and recommended suspension from union office for five years. After the reports, Stack and Curran will each be given half an hour to speak. Speakers from the floor will be limited to five minutes.

SEPTEMBER CONVENTION

Balloting will begin at 3 p. m. Thirty booths set up for the purpose.

The National Council of the NMU yesterday also decided to hold the union's convention in September in New York or within 150 miles of the city. Final decision will be determined by availability of housing for delegates.

The call to the convention will go out four months prior to the date and delegates will be elected in the 30-day period before the convention.

ALP Supports O'Dwyer Budget

Mayor O'Dwyer's proposed budget was praised by the American Labor Party yesterday for placing the welfare of New York's citizens over the selfish claims of "large real estate interests and 10-cent fare lobbyists."

The ALP declared:

"The Mayor's budget is attacked, of course, by the large real estate operators. These gentlemen ignore the urgent needs of the people in the fields of health, education, sanitation and other municipal services. They are concerned only with avoiding their plain obligations in meeting the minimum financial requirements of our city."

It is not surprising to note, the ALP added, "that these forces are attempting to use the budget hearings as new sounding boards for their campaign for a 10-cent fare."

"The people of New York City clearly recognize these facts. They also recognize that Gov. Dewey's failure to grant increased state aid to cities, despite the huge state surplus, is directly linked to the budgetary problems facing New York City. In this connection, it is significant that the real estate interests refused to support Mayor O'Dwyer in his efforts to obtain increased state aid during the 1947 session of the State Legislature."

opening at a pressure of 3,200 pounds per square inch.

The solution, traveling at terrific speed is forced through the skin, when the job is done expertly there is no pain, no bad effects. Yet Dr. Figg admitted he did not "do a very good job" in my injection.

IN MEMORY OF CENTRALIA'S MARTYRS

John L. Lewis, President, United Mine Workers of America, AFL, Washington, D. C.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL and the 186,000 members of the International Workers Order join with the members of the UMWA and their families in memorial expression of grief for the 111 Centralia coal miners, victims of the firedamp disaster of March 25, 1947, which has shocked the nation.

WE EXTEND our deepest sympathy to the family survivors of these martyrs of corporation greed and governmental negligence.

THE CAUSE of this catastrophe, as with similar, too frequent tragedies, is not firedamp, but blind, callous profit-lust of the coal operators who for years have caused such needless loss of human life and its consequent misery by opposing the adoption of known preventive measures and devices to increase company dividends.

WE CONDEMN the criminal failure of officials and the coal operators to safeguard the Centralia miners after the miners brought to their attention repeatedly, the dangerous conditions in this very mine and in numerous other mines. Due to such notorious negligence a thousand lives are lost and thousands of miners crippled annually in such preventable gas explosions.

WE PARTICULARLY place responsibility upon the anti-labor, monopoly newspapers which have incited public hostility to the coal miners and which have joined with the reactionary forces in Congress in an orgy of propaganda for the passage of the most vicious anti-labor legislation. The hostile attitude of the commercial press and anti-union legislators has contributed to the failure to remedy hazards in the coal mines.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL assures you that the IWO will continue to give the UMWA the fullest support in its fight for mine safety, for decent wages and better working conditions.

WE URGE our lodges to adopt resolutions of sympathy and support to the miners' struggle for better conditions.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. ...
General President

International Workers Order

FLINT LABOR PAPER DEFENDS RIGHT TO BE A COMMUNIST

Special to the Daily Worker

FLINT, Mich., April 3.—The Flint Weekly Review today insisted that "no American should be denied the right to be a Communist."

The Review, this city's principal labor paper, said:

"The proposal of Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach to outlaw the Communist Party will be defeated as things look right now, since the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and several Senators and Representatives have reached the conclusion that to outlaw the Communist Party would only drive them underground and make them more effective."

"It is very well that this idea be defeated, but it is a sad thought that expediency should be the only reason for its defeat."

"Such a proposal should be discarded on better grounds than that if we are to maintain America as the land of the brave and the home of the free."

"No American should be denied the right to be a Communist or anything else if he desires. The beliefs many have cannot be regulated by law under any government except a totalitarian one."

Los Angeles Communist Gets 8000 More Votes Than in 1943

Special to the Daily Worker

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 3.—A Communist candidate for the Board of Education here will receive 8,000 more votes than she got for the same office in 1943, almost complete returns indicated today.

Ballots counted showed 21,683 votes for Mrs. LaRue McCormick, Communist, in the municipal primaries. Her final vote may top 23,000, with 346 of 3,298 precincts still to be tabulated.

Election of her reactionary opponent, Mrs. Eleanor B. Allen, is conceded.

One of this city's best known Communists, Mrs. McCormick ran up her impressive tally in the face of bitter red-baiting in the commercial press and City Council.

Death Toll Now 12

CLINTON, Mo., April 3.—The toll in the Clinton fireworks explosion climbed to 12 today as two of the critically burned victims died in local hospitals. Ten employees were trapped and killed yesterday by the series of explosions which ripped the building to shreds.

GOP Bill Would Let Gov't Name Union Leaders

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WASHINGTON, April 3.—Rep. George Dondero (R-Mich.) today introduced a bill which would empower the government to dictate who should lead unions and appoint receivers to handle their funds. The basis for such union-busting, the GOP'er's bill provides,

would be to label a union as being "dominated by foreign agents." Any union thus conveniently smeared would be denied the right to bargain for its membership as well as other privileges, until it elects "a group of officials loyal to the U. S. government."

With "loyalty" being determined

by one pro-Big Business governmental agency or another, the Dondero bill could be used to break any union at all, despite protestations that it is aimed solely at "Communists."

In a statement today, Dondero declared his bill is being introduced

"in harmony" with the House Un-American Committee.

Other types of organizations could also be hamstrung under the Dondero bill which provides for registration and control of every group that "serves directly or indirectly the purpose, aims or objectives of a foreign power."

Under such sweeping provisions, it would be possible to label the effort of any organization to promote a progressive cause even remotely connected with the problems in any other country in the world as serving "indirectly the purposes of a foreign power."

The measure would require registering groups to file a statement containing detailed information on membership status, activities, income and expenditures and other particulars "requested by the Secretary of State." Dondero would also require publications every six months of the list of registrants.

The registration number and date of registration would have to appear on all printed matter sent through the mails by such groups, the bill provides.

Big Auto Local Opposes Proposal to Outlaw CP

DETROIT, April 3.—A membership meeting of the 30,000-strong West Side Local 174, CIO United Automobile Workers, passed a resolution opposing proposals to outlaw

the Communist Party. Local 174, second largest in the UAW, is the home local of president Walter Reuther.

The resolution expressed opposition to communism, but warned that "outlawing of any established religious or political organization would endanger the basic principles of our (U. S.) Constitution, which could no longer guarantee such freedom if any one political party was outlawed by act of Congress."

CHICAGO, April 3.—Opposition to Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwollenbach's proposal to outlaw the Communist Party was voted by Local 1174, CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

The local's executive board, acting for its 7,000 members, condemned Truman's policy on Greece and Turkey as a "negation of the FDR program."

The Rankin and Shepard bills incorporating Schwollenbach's proposals were denounced as "the first direct step toward fascism in America."

"It means the suppression of Democracy for all Americans," added the resolution.

The statement called the President's "loyalty test" for government workers "an inquisition for all who disagree with those who happen to be in positions of power."

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YOUNGSTOWN, April 3.—A membership meeting of Local 1331,

U.S. Army Jails Japan Unionist

TOKYO (ALN), April 3.—A U. S. army provost court in southern Japan has sentenced union organizer Hiroshi Ito to five years' imprisonment for refusing to divulge the contents of a speech he made at a political rally. Ito was fined about 75,000 yen—about 75 times the average monthly wage of an industrial worker.

In a petition to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Ito, a Communist, says he refused to hand over his speech because the American officer refused to explain why he wanted it. Ito was arrested, beaten up by Japanese police and the speech taken from him.

The Ito case is considered significant here because it is one of several which seem to indicate that American military courts are throwing the book at labor leaders and leftists. The Congress of Industrial Unions has submitted a petition to MacArthur detailing about 40 incidents in which Japanese police or American MPs are alleged to have used violence or coercion against unions.

United Steelworkers of America, largest in the area, unanimously passed a resolution opposing proposals to outlaw the Communist Party.

The resolution, submitted by the executive board of the union of 4,700 members, warned that the move suggested by Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwollenbach would mean the "development of a police state which can only lead to fascism."

"The present campaign to outlaw the Communist Party is really directed against the trade unions, the Wagner Labor Act, rent control, the United Nations and every progressive social achievement gotten under the New Deal, under the leadership of FDR; is directed against anybody liberal and progressive," warned the resolution.

"We believe that our union, and other unions, are perfectly capable of choosing our own leaders without interference by employers, or government dominated by employers."

"We believe that any person entitled to membership in our union is entitled regardless of political belief, whether it be Republican, Democrat, Third Party or Communist Party."

Recording secretary J. R. Moore noted that the Mahoning County CIO council has already passed a similar resolution.

John Bearman, international representative of the steel union, called for a fight against the anti-Communist and all anti-labor bills and for wires to Congressmen.

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THE DEADLINE FOR THESE GREETINGS IS:

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APRIL 4th, 1947 ←

That means there are only 7 days left in which to get these names. If the MAY DAY EDITION of THE WORKER is to be as meaningful as we need it to be and as you want it to be, you must act at once. Collect at least 4 names plus a donation of 25c per name and mail it in quickly! Deadline for all other advertising is Wednesday, April 16th.

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Letters from New Poland

HOW 'NEWS' IS MADE

By John Pittman

WARSAW.

A AMERICANS ON THE receiving end of reports by our Embassy and news correspondents here are getting their facts from the least reliable sources of information in Poland.

These reports have been based in the past on a completely discredited opposition, a sort of colonial bureau of the Polish emigre "government" of ex-generals, landlords, anti-Semites, Russo-phobes, and "motorized" aristocrats who fled their country at the first sound of a German cannon and found comfortable refuge in London.

If Americans allow reports based on these sources to influence their action, they will be separating themselves from profits which can be earned by selling the Poles the things they sorely need, or by lending them funds (at good interest rates). For such reports are calculated to obstruct friendly relations.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION in Poland is Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, a former Premier of the London "government," head of the so-called Polish Peasant Party. In London, he tried to be a bridge between the fascist emigres and the anti-fascist currents of the Polish people.

The emigres in London could not tolerate Mikolajczyk's flirtations with Lublin Poles. They repudiated him. The Peasant Party, which he presumed to represent in London, could not tolerate his connections with the fascist emigres. It repudiated him. So he was promptly accepted by London and Washington as a true Democrat.

And when he returned to Poland, organized his own "peasant" party, the PSL, and accepted the Provisional Government's offer to participate in the cabinet, he became for 'the West' the sole living representative of Polish democracy.

It will remain a problem for historians to determine whether the British and American embassies in Moscow told Mikolajczyk what to say and do, or whether Mikolajczyk told the British and American personnel here what to think and to report. Perhaps the truth is that their relations were marked by a happy reciprocity.

CERTAINLY, it will be difficult for the historian to ascribe to pure coincidence the faithful similarity—almost verbatim—between the utterances of Mikolajczyk and the pronouncements of the British Foreign Office and the American State Department. Or to see only coincidence, for instance, in the fact that a press conference arranged by Mikolajczyk for foreign correspondents coincided with the opening in the

House of Commons of a debate on Polish questions, during which Mikolajczyk's figures on "mass arrests and murders" of his followers by the Government were cited by British MPs.

These relations between Mikolajczyk and the diplomats appear to have strengthened in proportion as Mikolajczyk's political position deteriorated.

Thus, on Aug. 19, 1946, at a time when the peasants of Mikolajczyk's Polish "Peasant" Party were replaced by a base of urban intellectuals, shopkeepers, expropriated aristocrats and industrialists, London and Washington dispatched notes to Warsaw attempting to dictate the way in which the general election was to be held.

And later, on Nov. 22, after several more honest functionaries of Mikolajczyk's party had deserted it and the remnants of the party had been linked with the fascist underground, London and Washington accused the Warsaw government of refusing to fulfill its Yalta and Potsdam election pledges.

Finally, after the Jan. 19 election had proven the bankruptcy of Mikolajczyk's policies, and the PSL list had received majorities only in constituencies of such centers of conservatism as Cracow, Kielce and Poznan, the State Department repeated its statement of Nov. 22, echoing, of course, Mikolajczyk's post-election statement.

BUT there is no room for quibbling in defining the relationship between the PSL leader and the correspondents of the U. S.-British press. Concerning this relationship, it may be said that Stanislaw Mikolajczyk was the trained man ever willing to bite a dog.

Zealously and generously he provided the news-starved correspondents of United Press, Associated Press, Reuters, the New York Times, New York Herald Tribune, Times, Inc., and a host of British newspapers with precisely the kind of "news" they considered fit to print.

The newspapers reciprocated by keeping Mikolajczyk in the glare of public opinion. They made him the darling of all well-meaning but misinformed democrats. And Mikolajczyk, whose publicity sense compares favorably with that of the late Phineas T. Barnum, thrived on the rich diet of headlines and editorials written in his behalf. He came at length to imagine himself the "last outpost of civilization" in Poland.



People Are Good: When the parents of Franklin D'Uil, three, appealed for help to buy expensive albumin serum to save him from the usually fatal nephrosis, newspaper publicity brought contributions of \$5,000 quickly. It's good to see the hopeful face of the youngster in his Norwalk, Conn., hospital bed, who now has the chance to live. But how about the tiny sufferers who have neither money nor press plugs?



Little Heroine Awarded \$60,000: Twins she saved from death join Bridget Pugliese (center) of Brooklyn, in celebrating a Supreme Court decision awarding her \$60,000. Bridget, crippled for life, shoved Jean Gabriel (left) and Rose Marie out of danger when a trolley was about to hit them, only to be injured herself.

In the Negro Press

JOKE OF THE CENTURY

By John Hudson Jones

ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS writer George F. McCray thinks "The spectacle of revolutionary America keeping Greece's puppet king on his throne is the joke of the 20th century."

He recalls the four freedoms and other ideas of the past war that "... stimulated and inspired the masses of the world's population to look for improvement in their lot ... even Negroes in South Africa and the southern United States were led to hope for a better day."

That "... better day for most people has not arrived and many hard pressed peoples, like the English worker, are trying to take power into their own hands. Much of what we blindly and foolishly call communism and Russian scheming in China, Asia, Europe, South America, Africa and the West Indies is nothing more than an attempt of the people to use governmental and economic power for their own benefit."

THE BLACK DISPATCH tells tells Oklahoma Negroes, "Let's watch Governor Turner" and his administration's attempt to wiggle out of the current case of Ada Louis Sipuel, brilliant Negro girl who was refused admittance to University of Oklahoma Law School. The "... attorney general mumbles something about a law class at Langston ..." the state's Negro University, but "... the legislature refuses to make appropriations comparable with what the attorney general suggests, and regarding which Governor Turner is as silent as the tomb."

While the *Dispatch* has "... fully decided that equitable opportunity for education of Negro youth will never be provided in separate schools ..." it demands that the state live up to its promises. "The state professes to maintain a dual system of education, in which equitable facilities are provided for black and white citizens."

THE CHICAGO BEE says to Illinois citizens, "We must work as hard to get Governor Green out of Springfield as we did to get Bilbo of Mississippi out of the Senate. He is against a State FEPC."

THE PITTSBURGH COURIER gives the New York State Commission Against Discrimination a clean bill of health. And "... to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey whose able Administration sponsored, passed and enforced the law," it gushes many thanks.

Despite the alarming increase of job discrimination, which incidentally never stopped, the *Courier* rejoices that "in not a single instance did the commission find it necessary to resort to the courts for punitive action. It went about its work in a con-

ciliatory and educational manner instead of shouting and waving the big stick as some extremists thought it should have ..."

Either the *Courier* is kidding or it didn't bother to examine the facts when it declares "Employment agencies, labor unions, corporations, trade groups and other businesses have yielded with little opposition to the persuasion of the commission ..."

AMSTERDAM NEWS columnist Earl Brown sees Truman's loyalty purge order as "... a dangerous one ..." that "... strikes right at the roots of civil and political liberties."

"If for example Congressman Rankin or any other Southern congressman had his way, any important or petty government official who either hired or spoke in behalf of a Negro would be fired forthwith for being a Communist or subversive. In other words, everyone who does not agree with the racial, social, religious, and political ideas of some congressman will be called a Communist and chased out of the Government, if the bigots in the house and the Senate have their way. They often do."

THE CHICAGO DEFENDER columnist W. E. B. DuBois writes from the South that it "... is not all discrimination, ignorance, and murder. First of all there is its climate: the flood of clear sunshine, the warm rain, the trees and flowers. There is the food: have you ever by any chance tasted chicken fried creole? Of course you know biscuits and corn bread, gumbo and black-eyed peas. Winter in the real South is not a season it is an interlude. The world is built for warmth, out of doors, light clothing and song. The colored folks ... are warm-hearted, eager, and always persistently going somewhere; on, on, up forward, and they want your help and advice; news, news, what of the Night?"

WORTH REPEATING

"We Communists are not adventurers or utopians, and as Marxists we know that we must distinguish between what is possible today and what can be realized tomorrow. That is why our policy in the present period must be and is directed toward achieving certain vital immediate objectives (though limited in the sense that they fall far short of socialism), namely to curb the powers of the monopolists and to check and defeat pro-fascist reaction. If that is accomplished, the American working class, and the democratic forces generally, will be able when they so desire, to march forward along the road of social progress toward socialism, a road determined by our own special American conditions, and not necessarily identical with the paths being taken in democratic advance, including toward socialism, by the peoples of other countries." Eugene Dennis, *Is Communism Un-American?* New Century Publishers.

Press Roundup

Sen. Byrd Flies Too Far For Herald Trib

THE HERALD TRIBUNE is a bit worried by the anti-Russian hysteria aroused by the get-tough-with-our-allies doctrine. It criticizes Senator Byrd's demand for a showdown against Russia to the point of driving them out of UN. Says the *Trib*: "We have heard a great deal about the Russian's 'iron curtain.' In the face of fiery and intemperate pronouncements like this it is possible to ask whether we are not running into a real danger of building a 'verbal curtain' of our own that will do us more harm than is always realized." And if the *Trib* were frank it would admit that the totalitarian press in this country created this same 'verbal curtain.'

THE TIMES has a fiery and intemperate attack on Russia for "high-handed obstructionist tactics." Yet its front page report from Lake Success tells how our delegate Austin pounded the table, threatened the veto, refused to accept amendments on pain of telling the UN where to go, and forced other nations to accept in toto his proposal on trusteeships of the former Japanese mandates.

THE DAILY MIRROR'S Drew Pearson says "Communists are stupid." He says Dennis when confronted with the charge of changing his name, should have said the Un-American Committee chairman himself changed his name from Feeney to Thomas. Pearson was scooped by the *Daily Worker* on that by about five years. And Dennis DID point out that Thomas' name was Feeney in Washington. It was at a press conference where Pearson's newspaper bosses carefully refrained from reporting that or any other fact of what Dennis did say.

PM's Max Lerner criticizes James Burnham's book calling for atomic war: "This is an old and weary and futile book. It is as old as the bloodstained history of warfare and provocations, as weary as the effort of talking about democracy when you have lost all but a verbal belief in it, as futile as the talk of war and power and empire when what people hunger for is peace and bread and a world order."

THE SUN'S David Lawrence says profit must go still higher, wages must go still lower. If you don't agree, he says, you're ignorant "about the operations of our profit-and-loss system."

THE WORLD - TELEGRAM, which promised its readers that the end of OPA would bring prices down, now asks "How will prices be cut?" It says "the future is uncertain" and reports "merchants are getting nervous about heavy inventories."

THE POST wants no curbs on the Truman doctrine of military intervention wherever we damn please.

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Truman's Loyalty

TWO WEEKS before he launched his "loyalty purge" President Truman privately wrote to ex-Gov. Earle of Pennsylvania about what he called "the Communist bugaboo."

In plain words, Truman did not believe in the existence of any such "menace" as he and the government began to shout about soon after.

The "red menace" was manufactured as a smoke-screen.

For what purpose? To sell the Dollar Diplomacy penetration of Greece and Turkey and the Middle East. To frighten the nation into accepting without opposition the outlawing of the Communist Party.

But why the haste to outlaw the Communist Party and smear it with all the slanders in the Hitler book?

In order to crack down on the millions of Roosevelt-minded Americans who voted FDR into the presidency for more than a decade. In order to wreck the unions from within through factional battles around "communism." The irony of the matter is that Truman himself is now being accused by the Hoover right wing Republicans of being suspect under the "loyalty purge."

It was the GOP New York Sun which first published the Truman letter to prove that Truman himself must be purged.

Who will investigate the man who investigates the man who investigates me? So runs the sarcastic popular song.

But the bitter reality of the "red menace" steadily undermining democratic liberty for all becomes clearer every day. The anti-Communist hysteria is aimed at destroying American democracy from within.

The Holidays

FROM TIME immemorial this time of the year has been celebrated by all peoples. It is the end of winter.

Many religions have marked this week for solemn commemorations and rituals.

Here in our country, the time is set aside as Easter Week by the Christian churches and as Passover by the Jewish people.

It is our country's heritage of religious liberty that permits the various religious groups to celebrate as they wish.

The fight for religious liberty has been a long one. It is not yet ended. In countries like Portugal and Spain believers who do not accept the Vatican as both religious and political leader face persecution. In Turkey the price of observing the Christian rites may be loss of all one's possessions, or worse.

Even in our own country Catholics face disabilities and persecution in certain areas, while the Jewish people meet with discrimination in schools and employment.

There can be little doubt that the great aspiration of the peoples of the world these days is for a world at peace. They view with horror those who preach the violent, ignorant and malicious philosophy of the "inevitable and necessary" third world war.

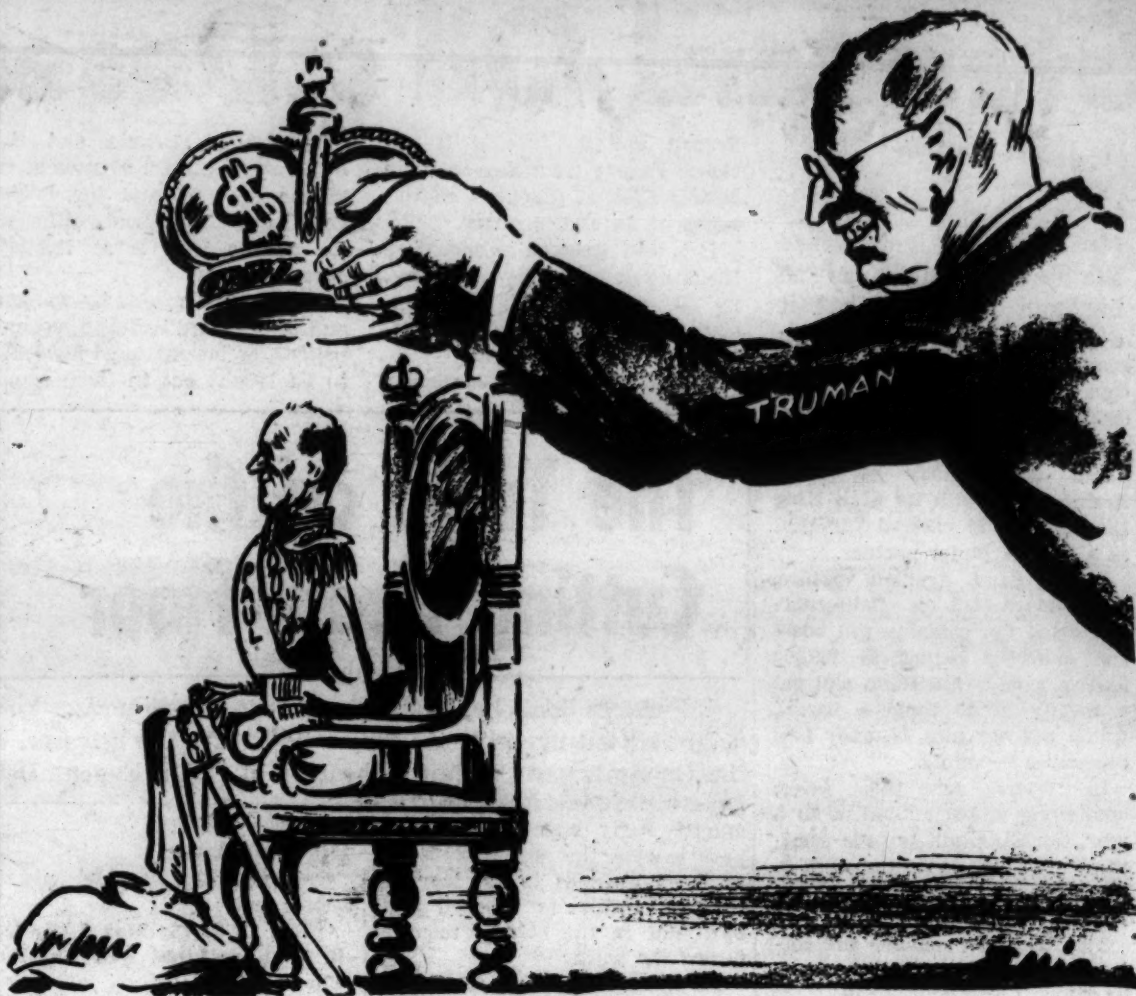
There are many who would use the religious beliefs of the people as a cloak for preaching hatred against the Communists. Such people falsify shamelessly the thoughts and deeds of the Communists, transforming us into conspirators against religious liberty.

It is true that our philosophy is a dialectical materialist one, based on disbelief in supernaturalism. But our socialist science teaches also to respect the religious beliefs of others, and to defend at all times the right of religious freedom. Any who say otherwise lie. There is no more religious freedom anywhere in the world than in the Soviet Union, the first socialist state.

The history of religions is a history of mankind tortured by miseries, anxieties and problems to which there seemed to be no answer. "It is the heart of heartless conditions," wrote the young Karl Marx, founder of socialism.

Every man, believer or non-believer, who seeks to make this a better world—a world free of poverty, exploitation of man by man, and the horror of war—is a comrade in the common fight.

TRY IT FOR SIZE



Letters From Our Readers

Real Danger Is Truman Policy

New York
Editor, Daily Worker:

It does not require keenness of mind to see the anti-democratic motivation of Truman's so-called "new" foreign policy.

Granting of the President's request would permit him to act as underwriter for reactionaries the world over. Clearly, the "new" Truman foreign policy fits the plans of the big corporations to dominate markets everywhere and grab natural resources for private and nationalistic ends.

It is a policy which would result in the intensification of hatred and suspicion between nations, suppression of democratic movements abroad and extensive curtailment of civil liberties and labor rights at home.

It is a policy for aiding the greedy few at the expense of the needy many. It has dealt a severe blow at UN prestige and resurrects the hopes of fascists everywhere. Americans must overwhelmingly reject such an evil-inspired plan.

A. GARCIA DIAZ.

Lutheran Minister Defends Party

East Greenwich, R. I.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I have read the Daily Worker for many years and while I belong to no political party, I am ready to support any party that has something good to offer, and to oppose any party which works for privileges for some and suppression of others.

I was glad to read in the Daily Worker that many outstanding persons have expressed disapproval of Secretary of Labor Schwelmbach's proposal to outlaw the Communist Party.

Just as the Republican Party of Lincoln's time did much to improve conditions, so the Communist Party is endeavoring to make many necessary improvements. That certainly is neither Un-American nor un-Christian.

I think those who claim to be Americans and wish to outlaw minority groups they dislike are in reality fascists. Outlawing the Communist Party and labor unions were the first actions Hitler's regime brought about.

Rev. Albert J. Hallington,
First Evangelical Lutheran
Church

VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

AFL NEEDS CONSISTENCY

By George Morris

AFL PRESIDENT WILLIAM GREEN'S recent testimony before the House Un-American Committee should furnish AFL members some food for thought.

Subscribers to the AFL's Weekly News Service must have been taken by surprise this week to find the main headline across its top reading "Bills to Ban Communist Party Held Unconstitutional by Green." Even conservatives like Green, realize that a ban of the Communist Party implies far more than an attack upon Communists.



In essence, although Green is himself a hard-bitten red-baiter, he has been forced to concede that Communists form a part of the camp of labor and progress. Otherwise how could he claim, as he correctly did, that attacks upon Communists would broaden against labor as a whole? Green has never protested the actions the government (in Roosevelt's days) took to ban native fascist outfits. And it is hardly likely that he would protest today if the government took action against the revived Bundists and native friends.

IN OTHER WORDS, that familiar tactics of AFL leaders of picturing Communism and fascism as the same, is nothing but a smear of Communists.

A second interesting point in Green's testimony, and I quote from his own Newsletter report, is in the following:

"It is altogether alien to the spirit and letter of our constitution to outlaw ideas. The Constitution of the United States holds inviolate to the inalienable right of every American to believe what he will and to speak freely what he believes.

"Beliefs be they political or religious, or, as in the case of Communism, a combination of both, may not be outlawed. Freedom of speech or of the press likewise may not be abridged by Congress.

"The very strength of democracy lies in its unwavering adherence to the right of free speech, free inquiry and free interchange of ideas."

Noble words, Mr. Green. Only, if they hold good for the country and as advice to the Un-American Committee, why don't they hold good for the AFL?

THE AFL AND ITS major affiliates, bar Communists from membership or from holding office. In some cases clauses in constitutions even bar members from "associating" with Communists or holding Communist views. That doesn't look like adherence to the U. S. Constitution or a "free interchange of ideas" or a right of free speech or free inquiry.

Finally, Green advanced an argument which we have heard from many of those who oppose a ban on the Communist Party. He said the way to combat Communism is to meet it in open public debate, proving that capitalist "free enterprise" is superior and by making capitalist democracy "work."

Our readers will recall that Mrs. Roosevelt voiced a similar view. Communists have no quarrel with those who hold this viewpoint. On the contrary, Communists welcome nothing better than an opportunity for open, but FREE, debate on the issues at stake. If the upholders of capitalism are so sure of their ground, they needn't fear full freedom for Communists.

Liberals who favor further advances along the Roosevelt path to "make capitalism work" won't get us sore. On the contrary, they have and will continue, to find us among the most vigorous supporters of every such step. The propaganda alleging that Communists want chaos is a lot of hokum. Communists view every step that advances the interests of the common people, as also a step nearer the ultimate goal of Socialism.

IN THIS CONNECTION Bill Green might refresh his memory of the early thirties when unemployment climbed to some 15,000,000. He and his associates had to be picketed and prodded for several years before they capitulated to a resolution putting the AFL on record for unemployment and social insurance.

Who did the picketing and petitioning? Communist Louis Weinstock's AFL Committee for Unemployment Insurance, and the Communist-led Unemployed Councils. Green's people called them bearers of "alien ideas" in those days.

Standard Oil's Desert Romance

By Israel Epstein

By Allied Labor News

Sen. Joseph O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) recently described the Standard Oil Co. as "so big and powerful that it deals with Uncle Sam as an equal, makes treaties with foreign governments and rules the destinies of countless people."

Last month Standard Oil annexed the country of Saudi Arabia, along with its Arab King Ibn Saud, who entered the deal as a kind of junior partner.

In the Saudi Arabian venture, a Standard Oil of California-Texas Oil Co. combine will boost the country's output to 300,000 barrels a day. Ibn Saud will get a royalty of 23 cents a barrel, which will buy him as many new harems as he wants.

In return for this favor, amounting to \$40 million or so a year, the King will provide semi-slave tribesmen to do the work in the fields and refineries and see that they form no unions.

The American combine will collect all profits over the 23 cents a barrel.

GREASING THE PALM

To see that the king behaves and that nobody else muscles in on the deal, the U. S. has lent him \$10 million of taxpayers' money through the Export-Import Bank and will shortly lend him \$15 million more.

The king's son recently toured the U. S. and has been decorated with the Legion of Merit by President Truman.

To make sure there is no double-cross after these inducements, the wartime air base at Dhahran is being maintained by the U. S. army.

A pipeline to the Mediterranean is contemplated and the Navy is making many visits to neighboring ports to impress all comers that it won't pay to interfere.

These measures will also protect other new investments which give American oil interests 23 3/4 percent of the output of the British Iraq Petroleum Co., and a new deal for marketing the output of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co.

FRENCH OUT

The U. S. show of strength lends weight to the Anglo-American oil agreement that recently drew

French protests because it excludes France from any share in Middle East oil resources, in violation of an earlier treaty.

It is also designed to encourage the Iranian government to grant no oil concessions to the Russians even though Iran has already promised to do so.

Even if the Russian concession

were allowed, Britain and the U. S. would control 90-percent of Middle East oil and the Soviet Union only 10 percent, although the Middle East is at Russia's doorstep.

If there are revolts by workers and dispossessed tribes to be suppressed, or international incidents to be fought out in these coun-

tries, American GIs and British Tommies will have to do the fighting.

The Standard Oil tycoons will stay at home. Moreover, the fighting won't cost them anything because the taxpayer will foot the bill for any military demonstrations or campaigns.

Demonstrations or campaigns are bound to happen sooner or later because the Arabs, the Jews, the French and the Russians all resent the situation. Even the British will have to be shown who is boss to insure that the partnership is run on Standard Oil's terms.

The Truth on the Cutting Room Floor

By Joseph Clark

Pictures don't lie, but liars can put out pictures. Your neighborhood movie house may be showing the newsreel of the Un-American Committee hearing at which Eugene Dennis

without lunch."

THE GIVE AWAY

Once more the newsreel cuts the Dennis reply:

"MR. DENNIS: May I proceed if I answer that question, Mr. Thomas?"

At that point, committee investigator Robert Stripling took the play away from Thomas and gave away the whole dirty business:

"MR. STRIPLING: Mr. Chairman, I don't think the witness' testimony should be predicated upon whether he answers that question..."

In other words, whether Dennis answered questions about his name or not, the un-Americans were not going to allow him to present his testimony.

CONTEMPT

Even the censored newsreels reveal how Dennis made a monkey out of Stripling when the Communist spokesmen identified him as an old Dies Committee stooge. It also shows how the cops came to take Dennis out of the committee room, how he cast scorn at the committee:

"Mr. Thomas, in behalf of the American people I hold this committee in contempt."

However, only the transcript reveals, beyond any shadow of doubt, that the committee never had any intentions of allowing Dennis to present his statement.

Now the Communist Party is busy distributing 5,000,000 copies of the Dennis statement which the Thomas-Rankin Committee was afraid to hear.

MISSING REPLIES

After Dennis was sworn in a long rigmarole started about Dennis having changed his name. Finally, chairman J. Parnell Thomas (who had changed his name from Fee-ney) said (p. 320 of official transcript):

"The Chairman: You are not responsive to the question. I asked you whether you had ever taken out a passport in the name of Eugene Dennis."

Dennis' reply to that question was neatly cut out of the newsreel, which sees all but tells only what the un-Americans want the people to know. The official transcript makes it clear why the answer was cut:

"MR. DENNIS: Mr. Thomas, if I answer that question may I proceed with my prepared testimony?"

"MR. CHAIRMAN: As soon as we identify you, you can proceed with—you can proceed for those two hours, even if we have to go

LESSON IN ECONOMICS: PAY UP 67%, LUMBER 160%

SEATTLE, April 1 (FP).—Homeless veterans who are told to blame labor for high building costs will be interested to know that fir lumber wholesale prices have risen 93 percent more than wages.

During the war and postwar period, while wages in the Douglas fir lumber mills rose 67 percent, prices increased 160 percent, Pres. John M. Christenson of the Northwest Council of Lumber & Sawmill Workers, AFL, revealed here. In the early months of 1941 the average price per thousand feet of lumber was \$26. Today it is \$70. During the same period the basic minimum in the industry rose from 75 cents to \$1.25 an hour, he said.

To give an idea of the high profits made by the industry today, Christenson cited the Keezer Natl. Defense Commission report which showed that in 1940, with prices at only \$21.61 per thousand feet, the operators' profits equalled one-fifth of their total payrolls. Today, those profits have increased proportionally.

"It also gives a clue to one of the reasons why home building costs are beyond the reach of the average veteran and worker," Christenson added.

Local Business Agent, E. C. Jorgensen pointed out that since OPA controls went off, there has been an

increase of \$25 or more per thousand on all standard types of grades of lumber."


Fireman Hurt In Dallas Blast

DALLAS, Tex., April 3.—A ton of dynamite on a parked burning truck exploded early today and critically injured a fireman.

The explosion tore a 10-foot crater in the suburban Dallas street. A woman, who had been standing 100 yards away, and two other firemen were hospitalized with minor injuries.

Cleveland Paper Defends Free Press

CLEVELAND, April 3.—Defending the right of freedom of speech and the press for those who disagree with its viewpoint, the Cleveland Plain Dealer praised the loan of newsprint by the New York Times recently to the Daily Worker. Because of the present shortage of newsprint, the Daily Worker had been unable to buy enough to keep going. The New York Times loaned the Daily Worker 10 tons of newsprint.



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11:15-WOR-Tello-Test-Quiz
11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch Show
WOR-Easy Does It, Music
WJZ-Hollywood Story-Sketch
WQXR-Musical Personalities
11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawton-Sketch
WOR-Talk-Victor H. Lindiahr
WJZ-Ted Malone-Talk
WCBS-Rosemary-Sketch

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC-Rad Hall, News
WOR-Home Edition-News
WJZ-Kenny Baker Show
WCBS-News; Kate Smith's Chat
WQXR-News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WNBC-Metropolitan News
WOR-Checkerboard Jamboree
WCBS-Aunt Jenny's Stories
12:30-WNBC-Maggi McNeill, Talk
WOR-News; So This Is Love
WJZ-News; Talk-Nancy Craig
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12:45-WNBC-Show Tunes
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1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride
WOR-Better Half Matinee
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• WQXR-News; Midday Symphony
1:15-WJZ-Powers Charm School
WCBS-Ma Perkins-Sketch
1:30-WOR-Listen Here, Ladies
WJZ-Galen Drake
WCBS-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch
1:45-WNBC-Robert McCormick, News
WOR-The Answer Man
WCBS-Road of Life-Sketch
2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch
WOR-Daily Dilemmas
WJZ-Klennan's Corner
WCBS-Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR-News; Program Favorites
2:15-WNBC-Woman in White-Sketch
WJZ-The Women's Exchange
WCBS-Perry Mason-Sketch
2:30-WNBC-Masquerade-Sketch
WOR-Queen for a Day
WJZ-Bride and Groom
WCBS-Lone Journey-Sketch
WQXR-Curtain at 2:30
2:40-WNBC-Betty Crocker, Talk
2:45-WNBC-Light of the World
WCBS-Rose of My Dreams
WQXR-Music Memory Game
3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful
WOR-Martha Deane Program
WJZ-Ladies, Be Seated
WCBS-Bouquet for You
WQXR-News; Recent Release
3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins
3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young
WOR-Rambling with Gambling
WJZ-Pat Barnes, Talk
WCBS-Winner Take All
3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness
WJZ-Studio Tour
4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife-Sketch
WOR-Ask Dr. Eddy
WJZ-House Party
WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas-Sketch
4:25-WNBC-News Reports
4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones
WOR-Uncle Don
WJZ-Cliff Edwards, Songs
WCBS-Hollywood Jackpot
4:45-WNBC-Young Wilder Brown
WOR-Buck Rogers-Sketch
WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch
5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries
WOR-Hop Harrigan-Sketch
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
WCBS-School of the Air
WQXR-News; Today in Music
5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life
• WOR-Superman
WJZ-Sky King-Sketch
WQXR-Latin-American Rhythms
5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill
WOR-Captain Midnight
WJZ-Jack Armstrong
WCBS-Treasure Bandstand
5:45-WNBC-Front-Page Farrell
WOR-Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ-Tennessee Jed-Sketch
WCBS-Secretary of Interior, Julius Krug

EVENING

6:00-WNBC-News; Serenade to America
WOR-George C. Putnam, News
WJZ-News; Sports-Joe Hazel
WCBS-News; Eric Sevareid
WQXR-News; Music to Remember
6:15-WOR-On the Century-Interviews
WJZ-Ethel and Albert
WCBS-Report from Washington
6:30-WOR-News; Fred Vandeventer
WJZ-Allen Prescott
WCBS-Sports-Red Barber
WQXR-Dinner Concert
NBC-Masters Golf Tournament
6:40-WNBC-Sports; Bill Stern
6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Ed and Peggen Fitzgerald
WCBS-Robert Trout, News
7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Variety
WJZ-Headline Edition
• WCBS-Mystery of the Week
WQXR-News; Concert Stage
7:15-WNBC-News of the World
WOR-The Answer Man
WJZ-Elmer Davis
WCBS-Jack Smith Show
7:30-WNBC-Harry Wood Show
• WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh
WOR-Henry J. Taylor
WJZ-The Lone Ranger
WCBS-Sound Off-Warner Orchestra
WQXR-String Orchestra
7:45-WNBC-H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt
8:00-WNBC-Highway in Melody; Mac Morgan, Baritone; Paul Lavalle Orchestra
• WOR-Burl Ives, Songs
WJZ-Fat Man-Sketch
• WCBS-Baby Snooks Show
WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WOR-Memorable Moments
8:30-WOR-Leave It to the Girls
• WNBC-Alan Young Show
WJZ-This Is Your FBI
• WCBS-Adventures of the Thin Man
8:55-WCBS-Bill Henry, News
9:00-WNBC-People Are Funny
WOR-Gabriel Heatter
WJZ-Break the Bank-Quiz
WCBS-Glenn Blinn Show
WQXR-News; Concert Hall
9:15-WOR-Real Stories
9:30-WNBC-Bob Hannon, Songs; Evelyn

MacGregor, Contralto; Chorus
WOR-Bulldog Drummond-Play
WJZ-The Sheriff-Play
• WCBS-Durante, Moore Show
WQXR-Designs in Harmony
9:45-WQXR-Great Names
9:55-WJZ-Harry Wisner-Sports
10:00-WOR-Meet the Press
• WNBC-Mystery Theatre
• WJZ-Boxing Bout
WCBS-National Health
WQXR-Nights in Latin America, with Pru Devon
10:30-WNBC-Bill Stern, Sports
• WOR-The Symphonic Orchestra
WCBS-Maie-Sketch
WQXR-The Showcase

10:45-WNBC-To Be Announced
11:00-WNBC-News; Music
• 11:15-WQXR-Hour of Symphony
WOR-News; Dance Music
WJZ, WCBS-News; Music
WQXR-News; Symphony Hour
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WQXR-News Reports

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10:45-Health Department. Nutrition

News-Margaret Conner
10:50-Music Time (RX)
10:55-News Summary
11:00-Organ Odes
11:30-BBC Radio Newsreel
11:45-Musical Comedy Memories
11:55-News Summary
12:00-Midday Symphony. "Cantata No. 4" Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison"-Bach
12:55-News Summary
1:00-Missing Persons Alarm
1:05-City News Summary
• 1:15-Classics in Jazz. Jack Lazare
1:55-News Summary
2:00-Official U. S. Weather Report
2:05-Saint Matthew Passion (Complete) by J. S. Bach
5:30-Songs at Eventide. "Carmen Abel. Soprano
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9:00-Sports for New Yorkers, with Maurice Eschay.
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6:45-U. S. Weather Report. U.S. "Help Want Column of the Air"
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7:55-News Summary
8:00-"Here's to Vets." (TX)
8:15-Folksongs for the Seven Million. Elaine Lambert Lewis
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By Lester Rodney

In the Spring . . .

THIS TANTALIZING THURSDAY afternoon touch of spring may have turned into a bleak gray Friday morning drizzle by the time you start reading this, but right now I can see the Ebbets Field crowd good naturedly cheering the two groundkeepers as they pull their smoothing carpet over the infield while the opposing pitchers burn in their last few practice tosses and the numbers go up on the big scoreboard atop the Bedford Ave. wall.

And if any journalistic purist thinks a 74 word lead sentence violates some rule or other he just isn't a baseball fan.

Twas always thus with baseball in the spring. It seems about two weeks ago yesterday Harry the Cat Brecheen was striking out Terrible Ted Williams in the World Series, and here are the Dodgers and Montreal coming into Brooklyn for a ball game next Wednesday.

But this year something new will be added to America's best buck and quarter's worth of entertainment. A little long overdue dose of democracy in the person of Jackie Robinson playing alongside his fellow Americans just as Joe Louis, Jesse Owens, Marion Motley, Don Barksdale and thousands of other great Negro athletes have punched, ran, plunged and pivoted in other sports.

And of course just as Negro Americans sweated it out, got malaria, fought and died alongside other Americans of diverse origins in the long tough war.

Brooklyn is a great borough when you get down past its fringes to its bedrock. It will know how to say hello to a talented, courageous American athlete next Wednesday.

More en Furrillo

YESTERDAY WE mentioned not knowing the service records of Carl Furillo and Dick Whitman, reported two of the three Dodgers raising the most fuss over the impending promotion of Robinson to the big team.

Into the office today came a veteran of the 77th Division named Wally Sieger to say that Furillo went through some of the Pacific campaigns with the division.

"We had mostly a swell democratic division and I was suprised when I read about him. We had lots of metropolitan area boys, New Jerseyites and a lot of Pennsylvanians from the coal mine regions—as democratic and sportsmanlike a bunch as you'd want. I didn't know Furillo personally but I'm suprised to hear of a young working class guy like that from Pennsylvania being that way."

Which may add nothing new—just thought we'd pass it along.

Saturday Night

WHEN AN AFFAIR of some kind is plugged in one of the columns around here readers may perchance feel a tolerant, "Well, they have to plug it and make it sound good—after all it's a progressive affair." I know because I used to be a reader.

Now I want to give a plug to an affair that wouldn't need a plug if everyone knew how good it HAD to be. That's the big windup doubleheader for the basketball championship of the Labor Sports Federation tomorrow night.

I've never danced to the "sweet and hot" music of Lee Norman's band so I can't talk about that, and I can take or leave celebrities handing out awards to outstanding performers though on the whole I believe I kind of like it.

I'll just talk about the basketball. I know these teams and I know they play good, skilled exciting basketball. So good that you'll be suprised, and that goes no matter how many college games you've seen at the Garden. And these teams are going to be trying very hard to win those titles.

Yes, I'll guarantee that end of it unreservedly. If you go, see two very good, thrilling basketball games but don't particularly enjoy the spirited rooting by the AYD and Furrier Joint Board fans for their fine interracial teams, the friendly democratic relaxed Saturday night crowd, the beautiful spacious court which turns into a beautiful spacious dance floor with the final whistle—don't blame me, I'm just talking about the caliber of the basketball in this sports column. Details elsewhere on this page.

DAILY WORKER'S ALL LEAGUE TEAMS

1ST TEAM	2ND TEAM
Stewart, J. B.	Tweet, AYD
Fields, 125	Minter, Shoe
Esposito, Brooklyn PO	Feinstein, AYD
Crichlow, J. B.	Dunn, TWU
Matturo, TWU	Scanga, Gimbels

U. P. Likes Red Sox, Cards to Repeat

The St. Louis-Boston parlay was good enough last year and it's better today.

A rude deflation in the World Series knocked the super-team halo off the Red Sox last fall and now they know they have to hustle all the way. Hustle, with their known hitting power and hurling power.

The National League presents a paradox. The world champion Cardinals have virtually a stand-pat ball club while Brooklyn, which wound up in the first actual pennant tie in baseball history last fall, is improved.

But Cardinal manager Eddie Dyer, in his second year as field boss, has lost his freshman jitters and the Mexican League menace, which robbed him of three players, apparently has subsided. The Cards

have the only solid team in the league.

So here they are, baseball's "morning line":

National League: St. Louis, Brooklyn, Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati.

American League: Boston, Detroit, New York, Cleveland, St. Louis, Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia.

Detroit pitching threatens to dominate the American League but won't without the hitting to back it up. In waiving Hank Greenberg to Pittsburgh, the Tigers surrendered their most authoritative slugger.

An infield including Roy Cullenbine, at first, Eddie Mayo at second and Eddie Lake at short falls to quicken any pulse-rates beyond a

DODGERS, GIANTS AND YANKEES

The release of Bob Ramazotti to St. Paul and Lou Welsaj to Montreal further lightens the Dodger roster. Ed Chandler, hurler who won 20 and lost 6 in the Texas League, has been signed to a Brooklyn contract.

Jackie Robinson is back on first for Montreal on orders of Branch Rickey. Said Branch, "I'm glad the players had a chance to see him in action at second to see what a great player he is there."

Three pitchers have gone the route for the Giants, who seemed to be primed for a fast start from the mound. They are Lefty Kossel, ace Voiselle and rookie Ayers, who looks like he'll make it.

As the Yanks broke their St. Petersburg camp Joe DiMaggio and Dr. Mal Stevens were left behind. The outlook on Joe's playing before June is dim but he'll see what he can do with light limbering up under Doc's supervision. Meanwhile the Yanks are taking Don Johnson, terrific 20-year-old rookie pitcher.

Indiana Scribes Lead Fight on Big 9 Ban

Sports writers in Indiana have taken the initiative in protesting the Big 9 basketball ban against Negroes, an Indianapolis reader informs us. Here is the letter:

Indianapolis, Ind.

The Worker

Dear Rodney:

Glad to see the mention of the Negro boys who have been making basketball history in high school tournaments out this way. A correction, though. On the Shelbyville team, Indiana state champs, were not two Negro players as you had it, but three.

You mentioned Bill Garrett, who broke the individual scoring record set last year by Jumpin' Johnny Wilson; and Emerson Johnson, whose accuracy and speed were outstanding in the final game. The third Negro player was Marshall Murray, defensive star of the tourney. The third Negro player was Marshall Murray, defensive star of the tourney. All three of them were all-state.

This lineup of three Negro boys and two white boys was quite unusual for a small farming community like Shelbyville. The team became the "People's Choice" of the tourney, and is one of the most popular champions in years.

This is the second straight year that Negro players have dominated the Indiana tournament. As a result a campaign has been started

Knicks on Ropes

After their horrendous 77-51 beating at Cleveland Wednesday night, the Knickerbockers will have to turn the tables here Saturday night at the Garden to stay in the playoffs. They are missing injured Ossie Schectman.

AYD Nips Fur A To Make Playoff Finale Tomorrow

Youth 5 to Meet Unbeaten Joint Board For Labor League Title

It's the American Youth for Democracy's young Cinderella Team against the Furriers Joint Board Wonder Five for the championship of the Labor Sports Federation tomorrow night!

The AYD's nipped Furriers Joint Council A Wednesday night 55-53 to ride into the big game which climaxes the season in a doubleheader and dance night at Central Needles Trade High.

In another game the Fur Floor 125 team eliminated a fighting Brooklyn Postoffice outfit 62-57.

They will meet Emerson Radio UE in the opener tomorrow night for third place.

AYD's regular season record is 12 win and 3 lost. The Joint Board won all 15, though AYD gave it a terrific fight, leading until the last few minutes in their early season meeting.

The two opening teams, Fur 125 and Emerson, have identical records of 11-4. The Fur boys won a close one in the regular season game.

To get into the finals, the AYD had to fight off an inspired Fur A team at its hottest with Braunstein scoring 19 and Hassman 14. The youth ensemble kept the pressure on all the way with its fast break working and Ziebel, Schmals and Sala pouring in the points.

They'll give away a little experience to the Joint Board tomorrow night but not too much else.

A return to form by Eddie Robinson helped 125 knock the Postoffice Clerks out of the race. Robby tallied 16 as Smith went him three better and Berenson and King also broke into double figures. Esposito, a great player all year for the PO boys, scored 13 and played brilliantly.

SO IT'S tomorrow night, at Central Needle, 24th Street between 7th and 8th Avenue, two big games, dancing and the presentation by celebrities of awards to Ralph Crichlow, league's most valuable player, Johnny Minter of Shoeworkers, highest scorer, and a cup for the winner of the big game.

The tariff is an unusually reasonable \$1.20 per head.

AYD-FUR A SCORE

	AYD	FUR A
Schmals	5	3
Tweet	1	1
Feinstein	3	0
Sala	4	7
Ziebel	7	2
Marris	0	0
Goroff	1	0
Totals	21	13

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Film Front

Catholic Church Group Views Hollywood Strike

By David Platt

The charge of 'communism' raised against the 9,000 locked-out studio workers in Hollywood is so false that it has been rejected even by Catholic church dignitaries on the coast.

In a detailed report on the studio trouble just made public, Catholic Priests Rev. John Devlin and Rev. Thomas Coogan stated:

"The strike issues cannot be beclouded with cries of Communism and radicalism if a settlement is to be accomplished."

They added: "To desire the extermination of a union because of an accusation of Communism is not in keeping with the facts nor with the spirit of labor ethics."

The two Priests were appointed by Archbishop Cantwell of Los Angeles to study the strike situation with a view to assisting in a fair and impartial settlement.

ACCUSE PRODUCERS

They charged further that failure of the major movie companies to bargain collectively with the locked-out workers "leaves them open to accusations that they wish to crush" their organization, the Conference of Studio Unions (CSU), progressive AFL group led by Herbert Sorrell.

"If such is the case," the Priests said, "it would seem that we cannot

support an action on the part of an employer and a rival union to deny men the right to organize and bargain collectively."

They informed the Archbishop that the strike could be settled quickly if all parties—the Producers, the IATSE (International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees), and the locked-out CSU got together in a determined effort to end the prolonged battle. The main burden, however, rests with the producers, the Priests said. "It is incumbent upon them to respect the rights of bona fide trade unions and re-enter the arena of collective bargaining with an intent to settle the strike on equitable terms for all involved."

While the two Catholic Priests appointed by the Archbishop were exposing the phony charge of "communism" against Sorrell and his Conference of Studio Unions, the California un-American Committee headed by State Senator Jack B. Tenney, Republican, was reporting formally to the Sacramento Legislature that Herb Sorrell, CSU chief is "a secret member of the Communist Party."

That's where the matter rests today.



Music

New Masses Sponsors a Giant Jazz Concert

Years back, when jazz still was considered a cellar-art, New Masses, Marxist cultural magazine, conducted a campaign to lift it to its deserved place in American life—that

of a true folk art. That campaign culminated in the first concert performance of jazz at Carnegie Hall, "Spirituals to Swing," which introduced boogie-woogie, the Golden Gate Singers and Sonny Terry. Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Sister Thorpe played for the first time on a concert platform that night as well. The upbeat in public fancy of jazz picked up tempo after the New Masses Carnegie concert.

AT MANHATTAN CENTER

The friends that NM won that night among hot musicians have now rallied to the aid of the magazine which is faced with serious financial difficulties. Those friends have formed the "Musician's Mobilization to Save New Masses," which is presenting a giant jazz concert at Manhattan Center, Saturday afternoon, April 19, for the benefit of the magazine.

Headed "Duels in Jazz," the unique affair will feature solo battles among 14 ranking jazz artists. The lineup: Trombone, J. C. Higginbotham vs. Miff Mole; Clarinet, Sydney Bechet vs. Buster Bailey; Trumpet, Frankie Newton vs. Wild Bill Davison; Piano, Joe Sullivan vs. Art Hodes; Drums, Arthur Herbert vs. George Wettling; Bass, Bill Pemberton vs. Sid Weiss.

Tickets for this huge "cutting contest," are scaled at \$1.20, \$1.50, \$1.80, \$2.40 and obtainable in advance at Berliner's Music Shop, Workers Bookshop, Jefferson Bookstore, Skazka, and New Masses, 104 E. Ninth St. Mail orders will be taken by the magazine.

Dance Recital

Marie Marchowsky, noted young dancer, formerly with Martha Graham's concert group, will be seen in a dance recital at the YMHA, 92 St. and Lexington Ave., Sunday, April 6 at 8:40 p.m. Miss Marchowsky will be assisted by a dance group featuring Salome Batari, Evelyn Leeds, Lillian Wexler and Ann Widman.



Lee Norman's Camp Unity band will play at the Labor Sports Federation's first annual Basketball Championship play-off Saturday night, April 5 at Central Needle Trades High School.

Hotel Union Seeks Actors

Edward Chodorov's forceful and exciting play Decision will be sponsored by the Welfare Fund Committee of Hotel Front Service Employees Union, Local 144, AFL. Auditions for parts will be held at the Union Office, 226 W. 47 St., during the next two weeks, Tuesday through Friday, at 7 p.m. There are 12 male and five female parts. The Footlighters, Local 144's entertainment group are looking for one-act and three-act plays with mixed casts. For further information call: Margaret Scanlan, CO 5-2367 after 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, or write her c/o Local 144.



LOUIS POLAN, JOSEPH BULOFF, Stephen Bekassy and Uta Hagen in a scene from 'The Whole World Over,' Thelma Schnee's adaptation of the Konstantine Simonov comedy which Walter Fried and Paul F. Moss have brought to the Biltmore Theatre. It's excellent.

Theatre

'Chocolate Soldier'

When an operetta is done with originality you may be tolerant of its banality, but when it has as tasteless a production as *The Chocolate Soldier* it is difficult to be anything but bored. The *Chocolate Soldier* may have lilting Oscar Strauss melodies but they were lost on me in this modernized revival. The production is shoddy; the comedy is cheap; the acting overdone, the singing adequate.

Why must operettas have silly conventional characters, ridiculous plots that somehow wind up with every one living happily ever after? In this one a Swiss soldier finds shelter in a girl's bedroom. Though she is engaged to be married to someone else they fall in love. It all ends happily when her fiancée decided to marry her sister. Presumably they all live happily ever after.

There is choreography in the classic style by George Ballanchine that reminds me of high school but it is performed with less enthusiasm. Billy Gilbert, Frances McCann, Keith Andes, Gloria Hamilton, and Muriel O'Malley are the principles. Felix Brentano directed. JOHN REINER

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Avenue Playhouse

Torment, psychological drama dealing with the effect of a sadistic schoolteacher on an adolescent pupil's first love affair, will be the next attraction at the Avenue Playhouse, it was announced by Oxford

Films, who are releasing the picture in this country.

Awarded the Grand Prix du Cinema at the Cannes Film Festival last year, *Torment* was directed by Alf Sjoberg and features Stig Jarral, Alf Kjallin and Mai Zetterling.

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New York, Friday, April 4, 1947

Phone Unions and CIO Ready Joint Fight

By Bernard Burton

The New York City CIO Council yesterday set up a liaison committee of five to aid New York's telephone workers who face a strike deadline set for Monday morning. The plan for CIO aid was revealed at a joint press conference of the CIO and the New York Regional Central Strike Committee for telephone workers. The strike committee is composed of 10 independent telephone unions.

In the presence of telephone union leaders, Saul Mills, CIO Council secretary, told the press that the "CIO has pledged its fullest support to the telephone workers in their fight for decent wages, decent working conditions and a proper union security clause."

FIGHT HARTLEY BILL

George Myerscough, telephone strike committee chairman, declared that the New York Telephone Company was "obviously trying to force the telephone workers into a strike."

He declared the telephone unions were pleased with the reception received from the CIO and pledged a united fight against the Hartley bill, aimed at getting a nationwide injunction against a telephone strike but ultimately aimed at all workers.

Herman Krause, telephone strike director, disclosed that the telephone unions were appealing to all branches of labor in the area to support them. He said they would soon approach the AFL, Central Trades and Labor Council and the Railroad Brotherhoods.

COMPANY 'ADAMANT'

Krause declared that the company was "adamant" in its refusal to meet union proposals and that the employers were out to break the unions. He said the company was not concerned about the wage demands but that its purpose in balking at overall arbitration was to get rid of the unions.

Krause charged the company had been preparing for six months prior to the strike. Cots and food have been stocked up in the offices and personnel is being trained to take over jobs of strikers, he said.

He reported that the National Federation of Telephone Workers will approach the AFL and CIO in Washington for support on a national scale.

LOCALS ALERTED

Mills revealed that wires had been sent to every CIO local in New York to furnish all possible aid to the telephone workers in the event of a strike. This would include union headquarters and offices and financial aid, food and all other forms of "active assistance" if necessary.

CIO Slams Hartley Bill

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The CIO today told Chairman Fred A. Hartley (R-N.J.), of the House Labor Committee that his bill to break a telephone strike by Federal injunction is "blatant and open interference in a labor dispute on the side of employers."

The Committee yesterday approved Hartley's bill giving the President temporary power to get an injunction against any strike that affects "the public welfare and safety."

Allan Haywood, CIO director of organization, wrote Hartley that his measure "forces upon employees involuntary servitude for indefinite periods."

President Truman today said the government is trying to determine whether he has power to seize the telephone industry.



Operators Vote Strike: A busy line is this one as New York telephone girls crowd to strike polls at Manhattan Center. They were almost unanimous for a walkout Monday.

Miner's Widow

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burial of Jake and his best buddy, Lewie.

"Lewie and Jake died together. They were buddies, they were together ever since they've been at No. 5 mine. They died together and we buried them together."

"The miners should get together and fight these conditions. They should try to better the conditions in the mines so they won't have to go through what we are now."

In parting, Howard asked the Daily Worker to give to a nation shocked by the Centralia disaster this message:

"Try to make people realize. The miners are not at fault. The miners and workers everywhere need better conditions. Maybe some day human lives will be more important than dollars."

518 Mines

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tinued government operation of the mines he agreed conditions had become safer, that there are now two mines classified as safe while there were none previously. He accused Illinois and other states of wilfully evading enforcement of safety laws because of political pressure and contributions from the coal operators.

Lewis used the huge toll of accidents as a convincing argument for the welfare fund, which the union won last year.

"Show me any millionaire monopolist in the labor unions of this country. If you want to break up monopolies in labor, at least wait until they appear."

"Why don't you go after the

Centralia

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Centralia's local mine superintendent and foremen told him that all his safety recommendations that could be made with a small expenditure would be followed, but that all major recommendations requiring considerable expenditure would require consultation with high officials.

It was learned on reliable authority that Interior Secretary J. A. Krug has informed the Senate Committee that federal inspection reports did not warrant emergency closing of the Centralia mine. In a still unpublished letter, contents of which have become known, Krug also stated that from the federal inspection report, data submitted by the "operating manager" was misleading.

Krug did not mention the name of the "operating manager." He is H. F. McDonald, president of the Central Coal Company, in charge of sales in Bell & Zoller's Chicago offices.

The financier behind the Bell & Zoller mines is H. E. Bell, now sojourning in Pasadena.

Lilienthal Wins Senate Test Vote

WASHINGTON, April 3.—David E. Lilienthal won a major victory today when the Senate refused to shelve his appointment as head of the atomic energy commission until the FBI investigates his activities.

fellows with the big bellies, the multi-millionaires who own newspapers and radios, and who are trying to use Congress to club labor over the head?"

He used Henry J. Taylor, newspaperman and radio commentator, as an example of how monopolies operate. Taylor is employed by General Motors to spread anti-labor propaganda and the company charges the expense to production cost, Lewis asserted. "Everyone who buys a car pays for him," he added.

Lewis again assailed the government's role in operating the mines and breaking the strike.

"The government has become a police patrol for the coal operators," he said. "The government is a muscle-man for those coal operators who would like to destroy the union."



by BARNARD RUBIN

THE day Acheson testified on the Greece and Turkey deal before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Capitol Hill, Associated Press interrupted its running wire story with: "Bulletin. Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson said American intervention in Greece would not lead to war."

Twenty minutes and five stories later, there came: "Correction. In bulletin House Foreign Affairs change 'intervention' to 'aid to'."

TOWN TALK

That French film's ad causing giggles. It runs: Well Digger's Daughter now in 7th month. Reminds us of that old double feature marquee which lighted a neighborhood movie house like this:

IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT

BINGO!

FOUR DAUGHTERS

Lee Sullivan, the Brigadoon star, flattened a stage door heckler the other day. Sullivan is a cousin of the Great John L. . . .

Joseph Moncure March, author of The Wild Party, has sold his prize-fighting story-poem to RKO Radio. . . .

The hit song, Bulgaria, in the current version of Strauss' "The Chocolate Soldier" was not written by Strauss but by Jay Blackton, the show's arranger and conductor. . . .

Adolphe Menjou changes costumes 30 times in The Hucksters. . . . Al Jolson may do a one-man show at the Alvin Theatre after Joan of Lorraine leaves. . . .

Thelma Corey, the last of the original Ballet Corps girls at Radio City, is leaving after 14 years service. No pension, no nothing. . . .

The more expensive cosmetic producers are (like the nightclubs), feeling the pinch. Elizabeth Arden is stuck with a million dollars worth of returns from department stores, and Chen Yu, the toney nail polish firm, is bankrupt. . . .

Mary Small, the singer, studying short story writing at Columbia University. Has already peddled some tales to a big woman's magazine and now has a bite for a novel. . . .

Bernie Herne back from Florida and dickering around for a night spot. . . .

Despite increased pushing, Able's Irish Rose still not making money. . . .

Ingrid Bergman and Betty Smith (Tree Grows in Brooklyn) were among those who contributed financially to the interracial Riverdale Children's Association at that American Negro Theatre shindig. The affair was in honor of Perry Watkins and John Sheppard, co-producers of Beggar's Holiday, for that show's splendid example of how a mixed cast can operate on Broadway. John LaTouche, Marie Bryant, Muriel Smith, Pearl Primus, Zero Mostel, Dick Campbell, and others were on hand. . . .

George Abbott bowed out of the new show Tenting Tonight along with associate Judy Mason. Saul Fishbein takes over for investors. . . .

Ethel Waters, with Teddy Wilson at the piano, will put on a show here some time in May. They will go out on the road though first. Allan Adler booking. . . .

The Paul Stieger office—produced the unfortunate Parlor Story—has closed for good. . . .

Bathsheba producer, Lee Holland, phones in to say that Jacques Duval was not averse to making changes in his script, but on the contrary was perfectly amenable. Holland gave as his opinion, as a matter of fact, that the play would have been better if Duval had rejected suggested changes and stuck to his original. Others, however, still say vice-versa. . . .

NEWSPAPER TALK

L'il Abner creator Al Capp suing United Features syndicate for \$2,000,000. Seems the syndicate was selling his cartoon strip for less money than his contract calls for, thus cutting down Capp's share of his percentage, which is 60 percent (60 percent is unusually high for syndicated artists, but L'il Abner rates high). . . .

PM extremely shaky. . . .

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS A LA HEARST

William Randolph Hearst's dictatorial wires to his editors on how to slant news, what stories to kill, what anti-labor or anti-Soviet propaganda to cook up, etc., are notorious in the newspaper world. The wires usually, as you may have heard, start off with the phrase, "Chief instructs. . . ."

One of the latest of those wires was sent recently when the mildly critical report of the Commission on Freedom of the Press were headed by the president of the University of Chicago, was released.

Here's the exact wording of that wire:

"CHIEF INSTRUCTS TO KILL THE STORY IN REPORT OF A COMMISSION ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. DO NOT USE EITHER THE INS OR AP STORY."

The same day the Hearst papers ran an editorial, which among other things, attacked the Soviet Union for not permitting freedom of the press. . . .

See you Monday. . . .

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Arraign 16 Anti-Fascists

Sixteen directors of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee were arraigned in federal court yesterday on charges of contempt and conspiracy against the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The defendants, who were indicted in Washington, were held in \$500 bail.

The Anti-Fascist Committee was described by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover as a "well-known Communist front." Hoover also charged

that Gerhart Eisler, jailed German Communist, was on the committee's payroll.

Novelist Howard Fast, Herman Shumlin, Broadway producer, and Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the committee, were among those arraigned.